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1. **Call to Order (12:32pm)**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
   MOTION: BIRT The UMGPS Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda as presented on June 5th, 2026.
   Emma/Ashraf
   Carried
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
   MOTION: BIRT The UMGPS Board of Directors approves the meeting minutes from the April 1st, 2026, meeting as presented.
   Emma/Kyra
   Carried
4. **Unfinished Business**
   None
5. **New Business**

5. A Budget Approval
MOTION: BIRT: The UMGPS Board of Directors approves the budget for the 2026/2027 academic year as presented to and approved by Council.
Emma/Ashraf
Carried

5. B Laleema Leave of Absence
BIRT: The UMGPS Board of Directors approves the Vice-President Academic Affairs Laleema Senanyake's unpaid leave of absence from July 27th to August 10th, 2026, as presented.
Emma/Kyra
Carried

5. C Executive Vice-President Nomination
BIRT: The UMGPS Board of Directors appoints Kyra Swenson as Executive Vice-President effective immediately.
Abiodun/Ashraf
Carried

5.D Vice-President External Affairs Report/Discussion of Office Conduct & Performance
There was a confidential report provided to the Board of Directors about the conduct and performance of the Vice-President External Affairs & Senator (VPE).

- The Board of Directors had an opportunity to ask questions about the report; no questions were raised.
- The VPE was asked to defend their case, and a defense was provided.
- The Board of Directors had an opportunity to ask questions directly to the VPE; questions about VPE's capability, conduct, and resolutions of such conduct were raised. It was noted that the VPE

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was out of the country on an unauthorized leave at the time of the meeting.

- The VPE stated they had not been fulfilling the duties of their position, and had not been fulfilling the duties of the position in their previous position since at least January 2026.
- In response to a question asked by the VPHS, the VPE stated that they did not think they had the capacity to fulfill the duties of this position when they ran in the election, but ran anyway in the hope things would improve.

Motion presented from the floor:
Motion: WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the University of Manitoba Graduate and Postdoctoral Society [UMGPS] has the authority under its bylaws, policies, and applicable law to request the resignation of executive officers; and
WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the organization to request the resignation of Lamia Mahzabin from the position of Vice-President External Affairs & Senator;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Effective June 5th, 2026, Lamia Mahzabin is hereby requested to provide their resignation for the position of Vice-President External Affairs & Senator of UMGPS; no later than June 8th 5:00pm, 2026.

The VPE acknowledged that they would provide their resignation by this date.

Emma/Kyra
Motion was unanimously carried.
Note: The VPE voted "yes" on this motion.

6. Announcements

i. Next Executive Meeting
   a. June 9th 2026 via Teams
ii. Next Council Meeting
   a. August 26th, 2026
iii. Next Board Meeting
   a. TBD.

7. Adjournment

UMGPS Board of Directors

Name	Attendance
Emma Heath *President & Senator*	Present
Laleema Senanyake *Vice-President Academic Affairs & Senator*	Present
Lamia Mahzabin *Vice-President External Affairs & Senator*	Present

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Kyra Swenson *Vice-President Equity, Inclusion, & Diversity*	Present
Abiodun Adejumo *Vice-President Events & Clubs*	Present
Ashraf Kadar Shahib *President Health Sciences*	Present
Willow Josephson *Executive Director*	Present
Thalia Vu *Marketing & Events Coordinator*	Present
Alora Hayward (Takes Meeting Minutes) *Governance & Office Operations Coordinator*	Present